

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

Rockville Adopts FY2004 Budget

Property Tax Rate Unchanged

Rockville’s Mayor and Council unanimously adopted the FY2004 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that keeps the City property tax rate unchanged for the fifth consecutive year and supports the five major goals they set in a strategic plan for their current term. The budget, approved 5-0 at the June 9 General Session, reinforces that building a new Town Center is the City’s No. 1 priority.

The adopted FY04 operating budget, which will go in effect July 1, is \$69,749,558, representing a 5.7 percent increase over the revised FY03 budget. The property tax rate of 32.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value remains unchanged from the previous year’s budget, and there is a modest increase in water, sewage and refuse fees. [See related story on page 4.]

The FY2004-09 CIP incorporates \$164,174,286 for public improvements to be made over the next six years. The adopted CIP budget includes \$15,607,000 in FY04 toward building Rockville’s new Town Center. Those funds will go toward planning and engineering, land acquisition, infrastructure needs and building three public parking garages.

The CIP budget also includes \$50,000 in FY04 to conduct a citywide study to measure traffic noise in various neighborhoods. A total of \$749,000 has been approved for pedestrian safety and traffic improvements, including neighborhood traffic control projects.

The operating budget includes a total contingency of \$978,396 that would be available for allocation. In light of uncertain state funding, this will give this Mayor and Council more flexibility to support their five goals of building a vibrant town center, improving mobility, providing superior city services, strengthening neighborhoods and enhancing community identity and pride.

Mayor Larry Giammo said the adopted budget reflects “a little extra belt tightening,” in considerable part due to a reduction in state funding.

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— Mayor Larry Giammo

“We are in pretty good shape,” said Mayor Giammo. “We do have money for our priorities. We set out to achieve the building of a new Town Center. We have the money to maintain the high lev-

els of service that our citizens have come to appreciate.”

The budget includes utility rate increases of 7 cents per thousand gallons for water consumption (to \$1.99 per thousand gallons); 12 cents per thousand gallons for sewer (to \$3.50 per thousand gallons) and \$1.75 per month for refuse collection (to \$25.50 per month).

The budget includes \$224,690 in increased revenues from higher fees for tickets issued via red light cameras; for rental licenses; for recreation sports programs; for sign and occupancy permits; and for fire safety permits. [RR](#)



MINI-MAYOR ... Rockville fourth grader Diana Pressel became the City’s ‘Mayor for the Day’ for her winning essay sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Mayors’ Association. On Diana’s agenda June 10 was a lunch meeting with Mayor Larry Giammo, a ride along with a City Police Officer, a visit to the Croydon Creek Nature Center and a meeting with some City Sign Shop employees, who surprised the ‘Mini-Mayor’ with her very own street sign (shown above).

New Regional Library Plans Advancing

Plans for the new Rockville Regional Library, which will anchor of the first phase of the City’s developing Town Center, will soon take the next major steps toward becoming reality.

The overall library will be approximately 99,000 square feet, including 33,000 square feet of office space—some of which will be for administrative offices of Montgomery County Public Libraries. The library itself, at 66,000 square feet, will become the biggest in the Montgomery system.

The library will be located at Beall Avenue, between the forthcoming streets of Maryland Avenue and Market Street. The front of the library will be on the new town square.

Construction will begin in winter 2003-04 and be completed within two years.

The library plan will be part of the Preliminary Development Plan (PDP) that is scheduled to go to



This is the latest front elevation of the new Rockville library.

Rockville’s Planning Commission on July 9 (7 p.m. at City Hall). The PDP includes street designs, types of building uses, parking plans, stormwater management designs and traffic plans. The Mayor and Council will consider approval of the PDP at their General Session of July 14. These meetings are intended to lead to a use permit for the library.

Details of the library design can be found on the City Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us. For further information on the library plan, contact Dan Beavin of the Rockville Regional Library at 240-777-0141. For more information about the use permit process, contact Deane Mellander of Rockville’s Department of Community Planning and Development at 240-314-8224. [RR](#)

July’s Best of Rockville

July 2

Senior Center Honors 100-year-old resident. Monthly birthday/anniversary celebration features special birthday milestone. Rockville Senior Center. 1:30 p.m. 240-314-8800.

July 4

Independence Day Celebration. Fireworks, music, entertainment. Richard Montgomery High School. 6:30-10 p.m. 240-314-8605.

July 19

Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest. Only nighttime road race in the area. 8K run, 8K wheelchair race, 1K fun run. Food, refreshments, entertainment, fun. Town Center. 7 p.m. 240-314-8620.

FOCUS ON THE ARTS

Insert inside for more City Events this summer.

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Bikeway Master Plan Public Meeting on July 8

On Tuesday, July 8, proposed changes to the Citywide Bikeway Master Plan will be presented at a Public Meeting beginning at 7 p.m., at Rockville City Hall.

All interested citizens and bicyclists – leisure, recreational, commuters and competitive riders – are invited and highly encouraged to attend. The Bicycle Committee will provide updates from the plan and will welcome comments through September before the final draft of the plan is presented to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council.

The Bikeway Master Plan, which was adopted in 1998, received extensive attention from the Committee (four citizens from the Bicycle Advisory Committee, three City staff members and two consultants) over the past six months and the proposed changes include updating projects, priorities, safety programs, bicycle parking and the role of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Extensive progress toward making Rockville a more bicycle friendly community has been accomplished in the five years since the Master Plan

was adopted. Much has been learned from Rockville residents and the City wants to hear more about their priorities, visions and concerns as the City re-visits the long-range planning for bicycle facilities throughout the community.

The City's 10-mile Millennium Trail can be described as a "bicycle beltway" around Rockville, with connector routes to activity centers throughout the area. The Bikeway Master Plan proposes ways for bicyclists to easily access schools, stores, parks, work and other destinations safely and with adequate accommodations such as bike racks, or in some cases,

bike lockers. The proposed revisions take into consideration factors that were not included in the first plan.

"That was our first attempt at developing a bicycle network plan," said Betsy Thompson, the City's Recreation Program Development Coordinator. "We are paying attention to many factors, such as impact on street trees, speeds on proposed streets and traffic volumes. We are really hoping for the public's input during this process to ensure that our plan is comprehensive and meets the community's needs."

Rockville has quickly emerged as a statewide leader in bicycling. Since the Bikeway Master Plan was adopted five years ago, the City has received more than \$5 million in grants for construction and bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs.

The Master Plan document is among the first to have been formally adopted in Maryland. And the construction of the Millennium Trail is nearly 50 percent complete and is 100 percent funded. Additionally, Rockville launched the first official Bicycle/

Pedestrian Safety Education Program curriculum for elementary schools in Maryland. The program has already been introduced to seven schools in the City, and will continue to circulate to ensure all children receive the education.

The revised Bikeway Master Plan can be viewed online at www.ci.rockville.md.us/recreation/bicycling/master-plan.htm. The July 8 meeting will take place in the Mayor and Council Chambers at 111 Maryland Ave. For more information, contact Thompson at 240-314-8627 or Assistant to the City Manager Bo Ferguson at 240-314-8105. [RR](#)

NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Public Meeting, July 8
- ✓ Public Comment Accepted: Through September

Hometown Holidays Brings Fun, Honor to Rockville

Tens of thousands of people descended upon Rockville for a weekend full of festivities over the Memorial Day holiday.

Despite the gloomy weather, most of the weekend's activities were a success, including a stunt show, carnival, arts and crafts and more.

The six evening entertainers delighted audiences, and the headliners (Jefferson Starship, The Spin Doctors and The Spinners) left audiences energized for the trademark fireworks and laser show that followed each night.

Monday's 59th annual tribute to America's heroes began with an emotional Memorial Day Ceremony and concluded with the ever lively, ever popular parade, in which more than 80 units participated. [RR](#)



The Spin Doctors (pictured very top) performs one of their hits on the main stage during Saturday night's concert.

Capt. John Crawford, Jr., (above, far left) a longtime Rockville resident, spoke during the 59th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and was the Grand Marshal of the parade. He and Rockville resident Bill Surgi were on the USS Yorktown when it was sunk in World War II.

More than 80 units were entered in the widely recognized Rockville Memorial Day Parade (above, right).

Web Site Enhancements

The City has launched four new sections on its Web site (www.ci.rockville.md.us): Historic Rockville, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Map search page, the Lincoln Park Community Center virtual tour site and the 2003 Election Guide.

In the new Historic Rockville section, visitors will find information on where the City's historic districts are, how to designate a building as historic, alteration procedures, tax benefits, links to site histories for designated properties in the City and more.

The GIS feature allows us-

ers to access valuable information for various addresses such as recycling days, property zone, code inspector's name and more. The program also allows users to generate specific map layers to meet their needs, such as locations of schools, parks, neighborhoods, bodies of water, major streets and Metrorail.

The Lincoln Park Community Center's most prominent feature is the a virtual tour of the center. Visitors to the tour simply have to click to travel to different rooms throughout the Center.

Another section that recently has been added is a



2003 Election Guide, available in English and Spanish. Keep an eye on the Web for future updates. [RR](#)



Focus on RECYCLING

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, "Focus On" will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

With Rockville's FY2004 budget, there are some inevitable rate increases in City services, including refuse collection (see story, page 4). Although nobody likes to see charges go up, the good news is that there is one way that residents may be able to head off future increases: Recycling.

The City's mandatory recycling program began last year, and many residents voluntarily participated long be-

fore then. Although the majority of residents seem to utilize the recycling service the City provides, if more residents participated or recycled more items, the amount of refuse taken to the Montgomery County refuse station would decrease, resulting in less cost for the City.

"If we can get more people to recycle rather than automatically throwing things in the trash, we will pay less to the county for use of their waste facilities," said Director of Public Works Hal Cranor. "For people all over Rockville, this will help control our refuse rates."

The long-term monetary benefit is just one item on a

long list of reasons why residents should recycle. The environmental benefits are widespread.

"Recycling and the concept of 'reduce, re-use, recycle' is central to our ability to sustain our natural resources," said Pam Rowe, the City's Environmental Specialist. "The materials that we keep out of the waste stream and re-use will help offset the rate of consumption of natural resources used to make additional products."

The following items are collected as part of the City's recycling program: aluminum foil, appliances, automotive parts (small), paperback books, cardboard, metal fence posts and



Ken Smith is part of the City's dedicated recycling team.

rails, metal furniture and doors, glass bottles and jars, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, unwanted mail, metal cans, newspapers, paper, plastic bottles, propane tanks, seasonal

collections, sheds, swing sets, yard trimmings and grass cuttings. [RR](#)

NOTE: No collection on Friday, July 4.

In Brief

Watermain Flushing Wraps Up July 3

The City’s watermain flushing program concludes on July 3 in the far southeastern part of the City. Since April, the City has flushed the water system through hydrants at 997 locations. As flushing takes place in their neighborhood, residents may see a temporary discoloration of water, so washing of clothes is discouraged. There are no public health risks, according to Hal Cranor, the Director of Public Works, whose crew closely monitors the annual, routine procedure to ensure safety to all citizens.

CALL 240-314-8566 FOR INFO

Twilight Run July 19

The Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest, an 18-year-old festival known for fun, excitement and entertainment, is Saturday, July 19, in Town Center. More than 3,000 runners are expected to participate for the before, during and post-race party.

Dubbed “Rockville’s summer night block party,” the Runfest consists of a 1K Fun Run, 8K Road Race, 8K Wheelchair Race, music, refreshments and more. Activities begin at 7 p.m. Registration is open.

CALL 240-314-8620 FOR INFO

Short Summer Move

The Linkages to Learning Program of the City’s Youth Family & Community Services Division, located at Maryvale Elementary School, will be temporarily located off-site for the summer due to renovations. The summer home will be at the David Scull Community Center, 1201 First St.

CALL 301-279-8508 FOR INFO

Walking Town Meeting

Residents are invited to attend the next and final Walking Town Meeting of the season with the Mayor and Council and City employees on Saturday, June 28, in the Fallsgrove community. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Community Center (Club House), 400 Casey Lane.

CALL 240-314-8343 FOR INFO

Millennium Trail Upgrade

The Millennium Trail is a paved, 8-to 10-foot, multiuse path that, when completed, will encircle the City (Gude Drive/ First St., Maryland Route 28/ Wootton Parkway /Fallsgrove Community). The portion of the trail that parallels Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road will be upgraded and repaved this summer. During construction, parts of the trail may be closed.

CALL 240-314-8627 FOR INFO

Daytime Ballgame

The Department of Recreation and Parks is sponsoring a day trip on Tuesday, July 22, to see the Philadelphia Phillies play the New York Mets at Veterans Stadium.

This is the final year that the stadium is to be open as the Phillies and Eagles (football) are scheduled to move into a new facility next year. Over its lifetime, “The Vet” has been the scene of numerous memorable events.

Transportation will be provided to and from Glenview Mansion.

The cost is \$55 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. To register, stop by the Recreation Counter in City Hall, visit Rock Enroll at www.ci.rockville.md.us or call 301-762-4284.

CALL 240-314-8641 FOR INFO

No Trash, Recycling Pickups on July 4

Due to the national holiday, there will be no trash collection or recycling pickup on Friday, July 4. There are five other holidays during the year when refuse/recycling is not picked up: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

If your collection day falls on one of these holidays, you must hold your trash and/or recycling until the next collection.

CALL 240-314-8568 FOR INFO

Para Ud.

No habrá recolección de basura el 4 de julio

La Ciudad se esfuerza por proporcionar a los residentes la más alta calidad de servicios durante todo el año. Sin embargo, hay seis días feriados – enumerados más abajo – durante los que no se proporcionan ciertos servicios, incluso el próximo 4 de julio. Durante esos días feriados no se recolecta la basura ni los desechos para el reciclaje; tampoco es obligatorio el pago de los parquímetros de estacionamiento, el edificio del ayuntamiento de la Ciudad y otros edificios municipales generalmente permanecen cerrados, y no se realizan muchas de las actividades y programas regulares. Los días feriados son: Año nuevo (*New Year’s Day*); Día de los Caídos (*Memorial Day*); Día de la Independencia (*Independence Day*); Día del Trabajo (*Labor Day*); Día de Acción de Gracias (*Thanksgiving Day*); Navidad (*Christmas Day*).

Si su fecha de recolección coincide con alguno de esos feriados, debe retener su basura o los desechos de reciclaje hasta el próximo día que le corresponda. Para más información, LLAME al 240-314-8568.

– Translated by Victoria Imas-Duchovny



Summer Camps Still Available

It is not too late to sign up for camps this summer. All camps are open to boys and girls, and appeal to a variety of interests. Here are a few with openings:

- Ballet, Ages 7-13, July 8-18
- Betr Computer Camp, Ages 9-12, July 8-18
- Betr Computer Camp, Ages 6-9, July 21-August 1
- Big Train Baseball Clinic, Ages 5-13, July 7-11
- Kaleidoscope, Ages 6-8, August 4-8
- S.T.A.R.S., Ages 5-7, July 21-August 1
- UK Elite Soccer: Juniors, Ages 7-10, July 21-25
- UK Elite Soccer: Nippers, Ages 5-6, July 21-25

Also, the “Summer Playgrounds Mardi Gras!” is an excellent complement to camps. Designed as a neighborhood drop-in, children will have the opportunity to explore their creative and athletic sides while working with other kids. 240-314-8633. **RR**

CITY
June 28 Walking Town Meeting. Fallsgrove Community Center (Club House), 400 Casey Lane. 10 a.m. 240-314-8343.

4 Independence Day Celebration. 6:30-10 p.m. Richard Montgomery High School. 240-314-8605.

2,9,16,23,30 Outto Lunch Wednesdays. East Montgomery Ave. in Town Center. Music and Farmers’ Market. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

8 Bikeway Master Plan Public Meeting. 7 p.m. Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall. 240-314-8627.

15 The Finest! Final Auditions for the 2003-04 season of this youth theatrical group for teens in middle and high school. 5 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8633.

19 Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest. 7-11 p.m. Rockville Town Center. 240-314-5028.

22 Town Center Action Team Meeting. 7 p.m. Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105.

22 Phillies Day Trip. Leaves Glenview Mansion 9:30 a.m. 240-314-8641.

22 Rockville Playgrounds Come Out and Play. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 5:30-8:30 p.m. The public is invited for skits, prizes, carnival games and more. 240-314-8633.

ARTS
June 25 Theatre on the Lawn Shakespeare Project “Twelfth Night.” 8 p.m. Civic Center Park behind Mansion’s Cottage. Free. Rain site: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center - call after 7 p.m. 240-314-8681.

july calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

2 Family Arts Night: Mystic Warriors. Musical entertainment. Free. 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park. (rain site: call 240-314-8681 after 6:30 p.m.)

7-29 Glenview Mansion Art Exhibit. Rachel Collins: watercolor paintings; Sigrid Vollerthun: photography based images. Reception: July 13, 1-4 p.m. Artist Talk: July 17, 7:30 p.m. Guided Gallery Tour: July 18, 10 a.m. Information: 240-314-8682.

8 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Shizumi & the Kodomo Dancers. Glenview Mansion Formal Gardens (rain site: Glenview Mansion). 7:30 p.m. free.

9 Family Arts Night: Miramar Klezmers. Musical entertainment. Free. 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park. (rain site: call 240-314-8681 after 6:30 p.m.)

13 Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. Marge Calhoun: contemporary alternative/rock/folk. 2 p.m. Free.

15 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Cantara — Musical Journey to Latin America. College Gardens Park (rain site: Glenview Mansion). 7:30 p.m. Free.

16 Family Arts Night: Retrospect. Musical entertainment. Free. 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park. (rain site: call 240-314-8681 after 6:30 p.m.)

22 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Turley The Magician. Montrose Park (rain site: Montrose Community Center). 7:30 p.m. Free.

23 Family Arts Night: New Line BrassBand. Musical entertainment. Free. 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park. (rain site: call 240-314-8681 after 6:30 p.m.)

29 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Goombay — The Caribbean Experience. Courthouse Square Park (rain site: Glenview Mansion). 7:30 p.m. Free.

30 Family Arts Night: Groovy. Musical entertainment. Free. 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park. (rain site: call 240-314-8681 after 6:30 p.m.)

NATURE CENTER
All programs at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Phone: 240-314-8770.

11 Moonlit Night Hike. 7:30-8:30 p.m. All Ages. \$2 (RES)/\$3 (NR).

12 Orienteering — The Old Fashioned Way. 10-11 a.m. Ages 8-over. \$4 (RES)/\$5 (NR).

18 Corvids. 6-7:30 p.m. Ages 16-over. \$3 (RES)/\$4 (NM).

19 Tiny Tot Walk — Be a Beetle 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 18 months-2 years. \$2 (RES)/\$3 (NR).

19 Summer Stream Study. 1:30-3 p.m. All Ages. \$3 (RES)/\$4 (NR).

26 How Many Bears Live in the Forest? 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-7. \$3 (RES)/\$4 (NR).

SENIORS
All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

1-15 Understanding Windows (Tuesdays and Thursdays) 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$25 (MEM). Registration required.

29-31 Simple Word Processing Programs. 1-3 p.m. Registration required. \$6 (MEM).

30,31 Patio Accessory. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by July 23. \$10(MEM)/\$13(NM). \$18.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
All meetings at City Hall unless noted otherwise. NOTE: DUE TO SUMMER SCHEDULES, call ahead (240-314-5000) to confirm there is a meeting of your group.

8 Human Services Advisory Comm. 7:30 p.m. Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq.

8 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Senior Center Board Room.

9 Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

12 Board of Appeals. 9:30 a.m.

14 Sign Review Board. 4 p.m.

16 Rockville Housing Enterprises (Housing Authority). 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Board Room. 14 Moore Dr.

17 Rockville Sister City Corp. 7:30 p.m.

17 Historic District Comm. 7 p.m.

23 Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

24 Senior Citizens Commission. 10 a.m. Rockville Senior Center.

24 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. 7 p.m. Swim Center.

30 Human Rights Commission. 7:30 p.m.

Rockville Up Close:
A (Human) Right to Mediation

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

Patience, compassion, perseverance, dedication. These are just a few traits that the 11 members of the City’s Human Rights Commission possess. These appointed, volunteer commissioners advise the Mayor and Council on some of the most complex and critical challenges in the City: confronting discrimination, promoting cultural diversity and raising awareness of human rights. In addressing these challenges, the group provides an educational link to the community with regard to basic human rights.

For example, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration, one of the premier civil rights events in Maryland, is a result of the months of planning and preparation by the Commission and other volunteers. “Without community involvement,” said Michael Berman, Chair of the Commission, “our meager 11-member group couldn’t possibly get the results we want. In fact, a lot of important work still needs to be done.” One of the Commission’s most critical services – mediation – is made possible through a core of trained volunteers. Whether it is a conflict between two Rockville neighbors, a business and patron or a landlord and tenant, mediation encourages all parties to communicate effectively in a safe space with the help of a mediator. Mediation often helps the parties resolve their disputes amicably and for their



The City’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration is organized by the volunteers of the Human Rights Commission.

mutual benefit. The mediation program began in August of 1995 to give citizens an alternative to courts and other expensive dispute resolution methods. On the average, the mediation program proves quite effective. The most recent data indicate that 67 percent of mediated cases resulted in a mutual agreement. The Commission is hosting

a free Basic Mediation Training (45 hours). Those residents who participate in the training then have the opportunity to become volunteer mediators. “The volunteers are so important,” said Janet Kelly, City staff liaison. “They will be thoroughly trained and prepared to provide the service that residents need.”

The training is Friday, July 25, through Sunday, July 27, and Friday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 3. Also, two hours of co-mediation and two hours of observation will be scheduled. A five-hour mandatory follow-up training will be Sunday, Nov. 23. For details, call Kelly at 240-314-8316. **RR**

Many Factors Affect City Utility Rates

The FY2004 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) adopted unanimously by the Mayor and Council in June includes modest increases in the rates Rockville residents will pay for water, sewer and refuse services. However, Rockville’s new rates, which go in effect on July 1, remain well below rates that most Montgomery County residents will be paying for similar services. City water rates will increase 7 cents per thousand gallons in the coming year to \$1.99 per thousand gallons. [The WSSC rate charged in many Washington metropolitan areas

jurisdictions for FY04 is \$3.05.] Rockville’s water fund built a surplus in the late 1980s and part of that surplus has been used to supplement the annual rates charged to residents in recent years. However, it is anticipated that the surplus will dwindle and future rates will be closer to actual cost. Rockville’s sewer rate will increase by 12 cents per thousand gallons starting July 1 to \$3.50 per thousand gallons in FY04. The City’s rate remains below the WSSC rate of \$3.79, but costs for the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant continue to increase. Under an agreement with the WSSC,

Rockville pays a share of the costs based on the plant capacity reserved for the City. The extra cost is for the capital expansion of Blue Plains. The City refuse rate will increase \$1.75 per month in FY04 to \$25.50 per month (\$367 per year). [Households in the Montgomery County non-collection district will pay \$374 in FY04. That rate does not include leaf vacuuming or special pickups, which are included in Rockville’s rate.] The refuse rate reflects \$52,000 the City will incur in increased tipping fees over the ensuing year for using Montgomery County waste facilities. **RR**

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk’s Office (240-314-8280) as times may change. In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for July are:

- July 14 John Hall, Jr.
- July 21 Susan Hoffmann
- July 28 Anne Robbins



Councilmember John Hall, Jr.

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General and Work Sessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are now available on streaming video: www.ci.rockville.md.us. All meetings are subject to change.

- July 7 (Mon.) Worksession (Undergrounding utilities; Town Center Map amendments), 7:30 p.m.
- July 14 (Mon.) Worksession (Police Services Study results), 6 p.m.; General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- July 21 (Mon.-tentative) Public Hearing (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance), 7:30 p.m.
- July 28 (Mon.) General Session, 7:30 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Landlord / Tenant (one / tenant)
- Planning Commission (one)
- Rec & Parks Advisory (one)
- Traffic & Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL JULY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Air Quality Codes	Public Safety Awards	Transforming Town Center	Air Quality Codes	Exploring the Past	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council ▼	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▼
9 am	▼	Transforming Town Center	Cultural Diversity ▼	Air Quality Codes	Cultural Diversity ▼	Transforming Town Center	▼
9:30 am	▼	Exploring the Past	▼	West Nile	▼	Air Quality Codes	▼
10 am	▼	Cultural Diversity ▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Public Safety Awards	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Public Safety Awards	▼
10:30 am	▼	▼	West Nile	Cultural Diversity ▼	Transforming Town Center	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▼
11 am	Cityline	West Nile	Public Safety Awards	▼	Air Quality Codes	West Nile	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
4 pm	Transforming Town Center	▼	Transforming Town Center	Cultural Diversity ▼	▼	Cultural Diversity ▼	▼
4:30 pm	Public Safety Awards	Exploring the Past	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▼	Cultural Diversity ▼	▼	Cultural Diversity ▼
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5:30 pm	▼	West Nile	Public Safety Awards	West Nile	Air Quality Codes	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Exploring the Past
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7 pm	Planning Commission ▼	Air Quality Codes	Air Quality Codes	Planning Commission ▼	Cultural Diversity ▼	Transforming Town Center	Public Safety Awards
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8:30 pm	▼	▼	▼	▼	Public Safety Awards	▼	Transforming Town Center
9 pm	▼	▼	Transforming Town Center	▼	West Nile	▼	West Nile
9:30 pm	▼	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline
10 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 pm	Air Quality Codes	Public Safety Awards	West Nile	Transforming Town Center	Air Quality Codes	Public Safety Awards	Exploring the Past
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